

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called *Arbor Day*, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, *Arbor Day* is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hanover Park has been recognized as a Tree City, USA for the 30th consecutive year by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Rodney S. Craig, Village President of the Village of Hanover Park, do hereby proclaim

April 29, 2016

as

Arbor Day

in Hanover Park. I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our Village's community forestry program, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well being of present and future generations, and

Further, I would like to recognize the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's new program called "Restore the Canopy, Plant a Tree", which provided the trees for the Springwood Middle School Student Council Members.

Further, I would like to invite all citizens to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's public tours and open house on Saturday, May 21, from 9 am to noon at the Hanover Park water reclamation plant on 1200 Sycamore Ave, where the MWRD will distribute free trees to residents.

Dated this 29th day of April 2016.



Village President

Attest:



Village Clerk